

## SOCIETY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FIFTY-FOURTH SEMI-ANNUAL TECHNICAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOCIETY

At the meeting of the Board of Governors held at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, on May 3rd, it was decided to hold the Fifty-Fourth Semi-Annual Technical Conference of the Society at Hollywood. The headquarters will be the Hollywood-Roosevelt Hotel, and the dates October 18th to 22nd, inclusive.

The Chairman of the Papers Committee for the Meeting will be Dr. C. R. Daily. The personnel of the Papers and other Committees will be announced in the next issue of the JOURNAL.

Those intending to submit papers for the Conference should communicate as early as possible with Dr. Daily, at Paramount Pictures, Inc., 5451 Marathon St., Hollywood, Calif.

#### MID-WEST SECTION

Due to the declining activity of the Mid-West Section of the Society during the past several years, the Board of Governors, at their meeting at New York on May 3rd, took action to discontinue the Section.

There will thus be two Local Sections of the Society: (1) the Atlantic Coast Section, comprising members of the Society resident in the Eastern and Central Standard Time Zones, and (2) the Pacific Coast Section, comprising members resident in the Mountain and Pacific Standard Time Zones. Members of the former Mid-West Section will be affiliated with either the Atlantic Coast Section or the Pacific Coast Section according to their places of residence.

#### MAILING OF NOTICES TO MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTIC COAST SECTION

As the territory included by the Atlantic Coast Section of the Society extends from Maine to Florida and includes the Eastern and Central Standard Time zones (as the result of the discontinuance of the Mid-West Section), many of the members of the Section find it impossible to attend the monthly meetings and other functions. The situation has been considerably aggravated by the present difficulties of transportation.

For these reasons, as well as for reasons of economy, the Board of Governors, at the meeting held on May 3rd at New York, felt that notices of meetings, routine letters, and other material should be sent only to members of the Section residing in the New York metropolitan area, since it is from this area that the meetings draw practically all their attendance.

However, the Board provided also that members not residing in the New York metropolitan area but who wish to receive such notices, *etc.*, may have their names continued upon the mailing list of the Section by writing to the office of the Society, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y.

**THE ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENTIFIC PHOTOGRAPHY**

The following announcement concerning the formation of The Association for Scientific Photography has been received from Mr. Donald McMaster, of Kodak Ltd., England:

Within recent years there has been a very marked increase in the use of photography as a scientific instrument in applied science and industry. It is felt that the majority of workers in these fields are working quite independently of others similarly engaged and that a new organization catering for their special photographic requirements would be of considerable value.

An Association for Scientific Photography has accordingly been formed, membership of which is open to any person actively engaged or interested in the use of cinematography or photography as a scientific instrument.

The Committee of the Association consists of the following persons: Prof. J. Yule Bogue (*Chairman*), S. Boyle, Miss K. C. Clark, G. A. Jones, E. H. Le Mon, Dr. H. Mandiwall, C. D. Reyersbach, G. H. Sewell, R. Mc. V. Weston (*Organizing Secretary*).

The aim of the Association is not only to promote interest in the use of photography in all branches of science, technology, and medicine, but also to assist its members in applying photographic methods to the solution of particular problems.

The Association proposes to establish what might be termed an Information Bureau containing, as far as possible, full particulars of the activities of all members and, in suitable cases, the existence and whereabouts of specialized photographic apparatus and equipment. These data will be used by the Association for the benefit of members as a "pool" from which information may be drawn on the very varied applications of photography to research, industry, and teaching.

Use will also be made of this information to enable personal contacts to be made between members working in similar fields and also to facilitate visits by members who may be using similar photographic procedures, to the laboratories of other members.

The field covered by the Association will be a very wide one, and will include photographic processes of all kinds, such as radiography, color photography, photomicrography, and in particular, sub-standard cinematography in all its branches.

The Association will endeavor to obtain for members information on practically any photographic problem which may arise in the prosecution of scientific work.

Meetings will be arranged from time to time at which short papers will be delivered, to be followed by discussion and practical demonstrations of apparatus and methods by members. The frequency with which such meetings can be held will depend to some extent, upon wartime conditions. It is the intention of the Association to publish a Journal as soon as circumstances permit.

The Association is anxious to foster the production of sub-standard films for research and teaching purposes, and will endeavor, as far as possible, to raise the standard of the method of presentation of such films, which at the present time is low. Members will be able to obtain information on methods of production and methods of presentation of films of scientific interest.

Further activities will be undertaken by the Association according to the demand made for such services.

Announcements of meetings will be made from time to time, and any person requiring further information or particulars of membership is invited to communicate with the Organizing Secretary, R. Mc. V. Weston, whose present address is: Houndwood, Farley, Salisbury, Wilts, England.